



Parish Eucharist

15th Sunday after Trinity

17th September 2023

*Please join in all parts of the service printed in **bold** type. Please stand where indicated only if you wish. Collection plates are at the back of church if you would like to donate before the service begins, instead of waiting for the collection.*

We gather to worship

When the bell rings we stand to sing:

The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love:
Jehovah, great I AM!
by earth and heaven confest;
we bow and bless the sacred name
for ever blest.

The God of Abraham praise,
at whose supreme command
from earth we rise, and seek the joys
at his right hand:
we all on earth forsake
its wisdom, fame, and power,
and him my only portion make,
our shield and tower.

The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and, 'Holy, Holy, Holy,' cry,
almighty King,
who was, and is the same,
and ever more shall be.
Jehovah, Father, great I AM,
we worship thee.

Before the Saviour's face
the ransomed nations bow,
O'erwhelmed at his almighty grace
for ever new:
he shows his prints of love -
they kindle to a flame,
and sound through all the worlds above
the slaughtered Lamb.

The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high;
Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
They ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine!
I join the heavenly lays;
All might and majesty are Thine,
and endless praise.

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The priest greets the people
The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Donations can be made using the contactless card reader during the offertory hymn. There is a box by the entrance. Details of online options are in the news sheet and on our website.

Welcome and introduction

We say together,

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from
whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you, and worthily magnify your
holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest introduces the confession

**Almighty God, our heavenly
Father, we have sinned against
you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through
weakness, through our own
deliberate fault. We are truly
sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and
grant that we may serve you in
newness of life to the glory of
your name.
Amen.**

The priest assures us of God's forgiveness

We sing,

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!**

**Glory to God in the Highest,
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, Heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!**

**Lord Jesus, Christ,
only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand
of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!**

**For you alone are the Holy one,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the Glory of God the Father.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!**

*The priest invites us to pray in silence, then
says the Collect, the prayer set for today,*

**Lord God,
defend your Church from all false
teaching and give to your people
knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

We sit to hear God's Word

First Reading Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The cantor leads verses from Psalm 103 and we join in the refrain.



The Lord is kind and



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♪ **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all my being, bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

God pardons all your iniquities, heals all
your ills.

The Lord redeems your life from
destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins
does God deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our
crimes.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has God put our transgressions from
us.

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion
on those who fear him.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

We stand

♪ **Alleluia...**

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia...

We turn to face the reader

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The sermon

We stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of
the dead, and the life of the world
to come. Amen.**

*We sit or kneel for the prayers of
intercession.*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

And at the end
Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The notices are given

The Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord
be always with you.
and also with you.

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

We celebrate Jesus in Bread and Wine

The Offering

During the offertory hymn the plate and card reader will be available for contactless and cash donations. Please indicate if you wish to make an offering.

We stand to sing

**Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and
let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine.
take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

*The priest takes the bread and wine
and says the prayers of preparation,
We respond to each part of the prayer:*
Blessed be God forever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

*Please remain standing during the
Eucharistic Prayer if it is comfortable for you.*

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts,
we sing*

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**

*The priest continues,
recalling the Last Supper.*

The deacon says
Great is the mystery of faith:
♪ **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

*The priest continues, ending
... for ever and ever.*
♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

We sit or kneel

As our Saviour taught, so we pray
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says,

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one
body, because we all share in one
bread.**

We sing,
♪ **Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

The Giving of Communion

The people receive communion. Those who do not wish to receive are warmly invited to come forward for an individual blessing. Gluten free wafers are available.

Please come to the front and form a queue. Please be mindful of the safety of others and remain distanced. Communion will be administered in both kinds, on the hand and from the chalice (optional). Please do not intinct (dip) the wafer in the chalice.

Communion will be brought to those seated in the south aisle.

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

We sing the hymn:

**Lord, make us servants of your peace:
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.**

**Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.**

**Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand**

**May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.**

**Dying, we live, and are reborn
through death's dark night
to endless day;
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
to wake at last in heaven's light.**

*The choir sings the Anthem:
Teach me, O Lord - Attwood*

*The priest says this prayer,
Keep, O Lord, your Church,
with your perpetual mercy; and,
because without you our human frailty
cannot but fall, keep us ever by your
help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to*

our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

We sing the hymn:

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.
The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world
in every corner sing,
my God and King.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.
The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but above all the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world
in every corner sing,
my God and King.
The Dismissal

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you
always.
Amen.

The deacon says

Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Refreshments are served after the service.
Please stay and join us. If you are a
newcomer or visitor we would love to meet
you.*

*Please take your service sheet with you as
you leave.*